



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5288

LCO No. 1087



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR HOUSING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) For purposes of this section,
2 "elderly" means sixty-two years of age and older. The Commissioner of
3 Housing, in consultation with the Connecticut Housing Finance
4 Authority, the Department on Aging, the Department of Mental
5 Health and Addiction Services, the Department of Developmental
6 Services, the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with
7 Disabilities and representatives from independent living centers for
8 persons with disabilities, shall conduct a study concerning state-
9 assisted housing for elderly tenants authorized pursuant to chapter 128
10 of the general statutes. The study shall include, but need not be limited
11 to: (1) The financial impact of an increase in younger tenants with
12 disabilities on the availability of such housing; (2) the number of
13 negative incidents between elderly tenants and younger tenants with
14 disabilities from the beginning of calendar year 2011 to the end of
15 calendar year 2015 and the number of evictions related to such
16 incidents; (3) support services available to assist tenants with

17 disabilities and any gaps in such services; (4) recommendations
18 concerning the provision of comparable housing to tenants if the state
19 reserves units in state-assisted housing for elderly tenants or younger
20 tenants with disabilities; (5) recommendations for additional support
21 services needed for tenants; and (6) an estimate of any additional state
22 appropriations needed to implement recommendations made
23 pursuant to subdivisions (4) and (5) of this subsection.

24 (b) The Commissioner of Housing shall submit a report, in
25 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
26 on the study to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
27 having cognizance of matters relating to aging and housing not later
28 than January 15, 2017.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To determine how the state may best provide housing to elderly persons and younger persons with disabilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]